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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Sean R. WAKAYAMA

Continued Prosecution Application of
Serial No.: 08/917,480

Filed: August 26, 1997

For: RECONFIGURATION CONTROL SYSTEM
FOR AN AIRCRAFT WING

Atty. Dkt. No.: R-8767

Group Art Unit: 3644

Examiner: T. Dinh

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please AMEND Claims 1, 6, 11, 16, and 19 as follows:

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U.S. MAIL ROOM

- 1 1. (Thrice Amended) A tailless aircraft, including:
 - 2 a wing having a trailing edge and independently deflectable flight control surfaces located
 - 3 along the trailing edge, the wing being capable during flight of generating a normal lifting force having
 - 4 a spanwise force distribution across the wing; and
 - 5 a control surface reconfiguration system wherein, for each of a plurality of different flight
 - 6 conditions, the flight control surfaces are selectively reconfigurable to respective predetermined